



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5435

House of Representatives, April 16, 2012

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. RITTER, E. of the 38th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" ORDERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-580d of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 The Department of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
4 accordance with chapter 54, to provide for a system governing the
5 recognition and transfer of "do not resuscitate" orders between health
6 care institutions licensed pursuant to chapter 368v and upon
7 intervention by emergency medical services providers certified or
8 licensed pursuant to chapter 368d. The regulations shall include, but
9 not be limited to, procedures concerning (1) the use of "do not
10 resuscitate" bracelets, and (2) the form, recognition and transfer of a
11 physician's orders relating to a patient's end-of-life care by emergency
12 medical services providers that are not affiliated with a hospital and
13 licensed health care institutions. The regulations shall specify that,
14 upon request of the patient or his authorized representative, the
15 physician who issued the "do not resuscitate" order shall assist the

16 patient or his authorized representative in utilizing the system. The
17 regulations shall not limit the authority of the Commissioner of
18 Developmental Services under subsection (g) of section 17a-238
19 concerning orders applied to persons receiving services under the
20 direction of the Commissioner of Developmental Services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	19a-580d

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There is no cost to the Department of Public Health to include in its “do not resuscitate” regulations the form, recognition, and transfer of a physician’s orders related to a patient’s end of life care by certain providers.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5435*****AN ACT CONCERNING "DO NOT RESUSCITATE" ORDERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to include in its regulations concerning "do not resuscitate" (DNR) orders, the form, recognition, and transfer of a physician's orders relating to a patient's end of life care by (1) emergency medical service providers not affiliated with a hospital and (2) licensed health care institutions.

By law, DPH must adopt regulations establishing a system for the recognition and transfer of DNR orders between licensed health care institutions and upon the intervention of emergency medical service providers. The regulations must:

1. include procedures for the use of DNR bracelets;
2. specify that, upon request, a physician issuing a DNR order must assist the patient or patient's authorized representative in using the system; and
3. not impede the actions of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) commissioner concerning the appropriateness of DNR orders for DDS clients.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/29/2012)